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SUBJECT: KOSOVO: OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO HAITIAN RELIEF EFFORTS

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11. (SBU) On January 15 Kosovo Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, (DFM) Vlora Citaku, contacted us to offer financial assistance for relief efforts in Haiti. The Prime Minister's Chief of Staff Bekim Collaku confirmed by telephone that Kosovo would like to offer 50,000 EUR (72,000 USD) in assistance and requested USG help in transferring the funds.

12. (SBU) Both the DFM and PM's Chief of Staff are sensitive to political considerations regarding the transfer, given Haiti has not -- as yet -- recognized Kosovo. Nonetheless, the offer is both substantial (given the limited budget of the young nation) and genuine. The government will meet Saturday, January 16, to approve the transfer of funds from the National Reserve. Post requests guidance regarding the procedures for the transfer of funds.

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